

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes has given of himself to lead Salem Baptist Church these past twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes under the guidance of God has pioneered and sustained Salem Baptist Church as an instrument in our community that betters the spiritual, physical and mental welfare of our citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious man of God has shared his time and talents for the betterment of our community for the past twenty five (25) years by preaching the gospel, singing the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes is a spiritual warrior, a man of compassion, a man of great courage, a fearless leader and a servant to all, but most of all a visionary who has shared with not only Salem Baptist Church, but with Gwinnett County and the world his passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes for his leadership and service for our District as he celebrates his 25th Pastoral anniversary; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. do hereby proclaim March 10, 2013 as Reverend Dr. Richard B. Haynes Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 10th day of March, 2013.

NOE URIAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Noe Urias for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Noe Urias is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Noe Urias is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Noe Urias for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING THE CEDAR GROVE AMBULANCE AND RESCUE SQUAD'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad, located in Cedar Grove,

Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

The need for a rescue squad in Cedar Grove was realized in 1938. When a resident of Cedar Grove was in need of immediate help, and the only rescue squad available was in the nearby Township of Verona. It was May, 1938, that a group of firemen formed the Cedar Grove Rescue Squad, with the express purpose of providing emergency medical care and rescue services to those in need. The Rescue Squad was based in Center Fire Company #1, and was the sole provider of emergency medical care to the residents of Cedar Grove for thirteen years.

In 1951, the Township of Cedar Grove faced a dramatic upsurge in emergency calls, causing eight Auxiliary Policemen and eight residents to form the Cedar Grove Ambulance Unit. The Unit was based out of the Municipal Building. In the following years, the Township continued to grow, as did the number of emergency calls. The need for more volunteers, vehicles, and space was patent. In 1962, the Ambulance Unit moved its headquarters to the intersection of Cedar Street and Ridge Road, and in 1965, the Rescue Squad moved to its headquarters at Pompton Avenue and Myrtle Avenue. The two organizations worked together to provide care and services to the residents of Cedar Grove, with the Rescue Squad handling on-scene work and the Ambulance Unit providing transportation to the hospital.

In the early eighties, new state regulations and the overwhelming amount of calls led to merger negotiations between the Rescue Squad and Ambulance Unit. In 1982, the merger resulted in the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad. Today, the squad has over sixty members that handle over 1,600 calls annually. They have three ambulances in operation, and a heavy-duty rescue truck equipped with the latest in rescue and medical equipment. The members, a remarkable group of men and women, remain dedicated to serving the residents of Cedar Grove, and providing the best care in emergency situations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Cedar Grove Ambulance and Rescue Squad as they celebrate their 75th Anniversary.

HONORING POLLY MERIWETHER LEWIS

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, our lives have been touched by the life of this one woman, who gave of herself in order for others to stand; and

Whereas, Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis' work is present in DeKalb County, Georgia for all to see, being an advocate for the youth, the elderly, the poor and ordinary citizens; and

Whereas, this remarkable woman gave of herself, her time, her talent and her life; never asking for fame or fortune but only to uplift those in need; and

Whereas, Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis led by doing behind the scenes, as well as front and

center for the state of Georgia, DeKalb County, the YMCA, her beloved church, Greater Travelers Rest Baptist and for her beloved Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; and

Whereas, this virtuous Proverbs 31 woman was a mother, a daughter and a friend; she was a warrior, a matriarch, and a woman of great integrity; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to bestow a Congressional recognition on Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis for her leadership, friendship and service to all of the citizens in Georgia and throughout the Nation;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis of DeKalb County, Georgia is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor": Ms. Polly Meriwether Lewis, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of March, 2013.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,760,961,851,934.60. We've added \$6,134,084,803,021.52 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week we honor our local, state and federal law enforcement officers by recognizing National Police Week. From May 13–17, communities across the nation will hold ceremonies, honoring the peace officers who protect them and remembering those who lost their lives in the line of duty. We take one week a year to thank them for their service, but we are grateful year-round.

Peace officers have protected Americans for the last 221 years, but our nation has celebrated their service and remembered their sacrifices since 1962 when President John F. Kennedy first proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Nearly one million peace officers serve our communities selflessly nationwide. Every day, these brave men and women put on their uniform, pin on their badge and put themselves in harm's way. Their daily job is to protect our communities, our lives and our property. When the outlaws—the drug dealers, child molesters, wife beaters, robbers, bandits, murderers and street terrorists—threaten our communities, peace officers are the first ones to track them down. With their service, comes risk and

sacrifice. We remember the 120 officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives last year while in the line of duty.

Peace officers separate us from the outlaws. They separate anarchy from law and order. They help bring justice to crime victims, and peace to communities that crime has affected. We must support our peace officers because they support us, the home-front. And that's just the way it is.

MAYRA BARRERA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mayra Barrera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mayra Barrera is a 12th grader at Jefferson High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mayra Barrera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mayra Barrera for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEEDS
AND SERVICES OF ALICE M. BENOIT

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor, recognize, and invoke the memory of Alice M. Benoit, a nurse that traveled around the world, from Libya, to Mexico, and finally to D.C. where she settled as a nurse at the Rayburn House Office Building giving 25 years of excellent service.

Alice M. Benoit was born in St. John's, Newfoundland and immigrated to the United States in 1945 in order to "see the world". Pursuant to that dream, she joined the Army Nurse Corps where she assisted in healing our soldiers in U.S. bases in Libya and in 1948 was granted U.S. citizenship. She also served as head nurse at the U.S. embassy in Mexico City and afterwards she worked in Texas, Alabama, and Florida.

Later on she found herself on Capitol Hill looking for employment. She had an interview with the Attending Physician's office and landed a job at the Rayburn House Office Building in 1967. During her tenure on the Hill, she provided health services to Members of Congress, staff members, and the American people who came to visit the Capitol every day. Former Representative Tom Downey (D-NY) remembered that Alice not only provided med-

ical services, but she also provided a "soothing word to people when they needed it". She was known to be "terrifically confident and competent."

After serving 25 years on Capitol Hill, she received a Letter of Commendation for her extended service from Dr. Robert C. J. Krasner, the Former Attending Physician of the Capitol. Soon afterwards she retired in February 1992 with plans to travel with her husband, Eugene Benoit, and "read a few good books". In April 19, 2013 Alice passed away from pneumonia at an assisted-living facility in Melbourne, Florida.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE NATHANIEL HOLT

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I present the following U.S. Citizen of Distinction.

Whereas, we are gathered to celebrate the life of Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt, a cornerstone in the Providence community; and

Whereas, Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt was born in Nashville, Tennessee, educated in the Davidson County Public Schools and was a longtime member of Lake Providence Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas, he was a member of the "Greatest Generation" having served our nation with honor in the U.S. Army during World War II; and

Whereas, Mr. Holt gave of himself, his time, his talent and his life with unwavering commitment to his family and community; and

Whereas, he was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a neighbor and a friend; he was a man who enjoyed life, savoring the moments with Jennie, his wife and life partner of sixty-two (62) years and their three children, Clarence, Kathy and Charles; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia recognizes Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt as a citizen of great worth and so noted distinction; now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby attest to the 113th Congress that Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt is deemed worthy and deserving of this "Congressional Honor" by declaring Mr. Clarence Nathaniel Holt, U.S. Citizen of Distinction in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

Proclaimed, this 7th day of February, 2013.

MERCEDES FIGUEROA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mercedes Figueroa for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mercedes Figueroa is an 8th grader at Wheat Ridge 5-8 and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mercedes Figueroa is exemplary of the type of achieve-

ment that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Mercedes Figueroa for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING THE MENTAL HEALTH
ASSOCIATION OF MORRIS COUNTY'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mental Health Association of Morris County; located in the Borough of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 60th Anniversary.

The Mental Health Association of Morris County is a local chapter of the New Jersey Division of the National Mental Health Association, now known as Mental Health America. In earlier days of mental health treatment, asylums often restrained the mentally ill with chains and shackles. With the advent of better understanding came more humane treatments, and the cruel practice was halted. In the early 1950s, Mental Health America issued a call to asylums across the country for their discarded fetters. On April 13, 1956, the McShane Bell Foundry in Baltimore, Maryland, recast these into the Mental Health Bell, to be a sign of hope for improving mental health and achieving victory over mental illnesses. The bell, now the symbol of Mental Health America, serves as a powerful reminder of the invisible chains of misunderstanding and discrimination that continue to bind people with mental illnesses.

The Mental Health Association of Morris County was incorporated in 1953, when a small number of people in recovery from mental illness and their families decided to bring the advocacy organization local, for a better mental health system of care. The mission of this organization is to promote mental health and to support and empower people in recovery from mental illness through effective services, education, and advocacy. Within the community of Morris County, the Mental Health Association provides services to those who are most devastated by mental illness, giving them hope for recovery. They employ peer workers who have gone through similar struggles to help coach the next generation of mentally ill. The organization aids those in need transition from homelessness to housing, and from psychiatric hospitals to the community. Additionally, the Mental Health Association of Morris County serves as advocates of community education, improvement of services, policies, and resources, and promotes self help.

The goal of independence for those suffering, both financially and in conducting their lives, is an important aspect of promoting wellness. Financial support and counseling allows mentally ill people to live independently in their permanent housing opportunities where they might otherwise end up in expensive institutional or jail facilities. Their Peer-to-